IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
CHAMBER SUMMONS NO. 135 OF 2007
IN
WRIT PETITION NO. 38 OF 2006

Standard Chartered Bank ....Petitioner.

V/s

The Mumbai Municipal Corporation
and Ors. ....Respondents.

Mrs Rita Rahimtoola i/b M/s. Manilal Kher Ambalal & Co. for applicant/petitioner.

Mr. K.K. Singhvi with Mr. S.S. Pakale with Ms Archana Joshi for the Respondents - Municipal Corporation.

CORAM: V.M. KANADE, J.

DATE : 8th June, 2007.

P.C.:

1. Heard the learned Counsel for the Petitioners and the learned advocate appearing on behalf of the Respondent - Municipal Corporation.

2. This Chamber Summons is taken out by the Petitioners challenging the constitutional validity of section 167 of the

Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act, 1888. The learned Counsel for the Petitioners has submitted that in the event the Petitioners do not succeed before the Supreme Court then, they may be permitted to again renew their request by filing the fresh Chamber Summons.

3. In my view, Chamber Summons has been filed for the purpose of taking an additional ground in the Petition, challenging the constitutional validity of section 167 of the Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act, 1888. There is no reason why the Petitioners should not be permitted to raise this additional ground particularly when interim orders have been passed which are in consonance with the orders which are passed by the Supreme Court in the Special Leave Petition which is pending in the Supreme Court. Hence, Chamber Summons is allowed in terms of prayer clause (a). The Petitioners are permitted to amend the Petition in terms of the schedule annexed to the Chamber Summons. Amendment to be carried out within a period of two weeks.

4. Chamber Summons is disposed of in the above terms.

(V.M. KANADE, J.)